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Teen Summer Job Fair at Woodson High School

Supervisor Smyth and Supervisor John Cook in conjunction with Supervisor Pat Herrity will host a summer job fair for teens. This event will focus on students and young job seekers looking for full time employment, part time employment, internship opportunities or volunteer experiences.

The job fair will be held at Woodson High School, 9525 Main Street, Fairfax 22031, on **Saturday, March 10th** from 1 pm to 3 pm. For more information, visit the website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teenjobfairs.

Bryan J. Hill appointed as County Executive

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appointed Bryan J. Hill as County Executive effective January 2, 2018. He was the Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk to the Board for James City County since 2014; he previously spent seven years with Beaufort County, S.C. as deputy county administrator.

At James City County, Hill was responsible for oversight of staff, major infrastructure projects, economic development, transportation initiatives and the development and implementation of the county's first strategic plan. He recently led the realignment of the county's debt portfolio, which resulted in AAA ratings from each of the three major bond rating agencies.

He has a bachelor's degree in public administration from Alfred University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California.

A Message from Supervisor Smyth

As always, spring comes with a rush of happenings in Providence. From the annual budget meetings to warm weather outdoor events, we are trying to help you move from winter doldrums into a sunnier frame of mind. We have crammed this newsletter full of information about updates, activities, and opportunities for you to pursue.

Among the volunteer offerings, please take note of the land use task force that will be set up this spring as part of the new Site--Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process. We encourage neighborhood and civic associations to consider participating. Good land use decisions require thorough community discussion and evaluation. Please see page 9 for more information about participation in the task force.

~Linda Smyth



On October 14, 2017, the family and friends of Ken Lawrence, the former Planning Commissioner for Providence, gathered to dedicate and name the first new playing fields and park in Tysons in his memory.

Tax Relief Workshops for Seniors and People with Disabilities

The Providence District Supervisor's office is hosting free tax relief workshops for older adults and people with disabilities who may be eligible to receive real estate tax relief from Fairfax County. The workshops take place on **Tuesday, March 6, and Thursday, March 8 from 10 am to 2 pm**, at the Providence District Supervisor's Office, which is located at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Suite 218, Fairfax 22031. **No appointment is necessary.**

For eligibility requirements or to download an application, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes/relief/tax-relief-seniors-people-with-disabilities. You may also request an application by calling 703-222-8234, Español 703-324-3855, between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm weekdays. Those with hearing impairments may call TTY 711. You may also request an application by emailing taxrelief@fairfaxcounty.gov. If you are unable to attend the workshop in Providence, you may find information about additional workshops at other locations at the above website or by calling the numbers listed above.

Fairfax County provides real estate tax relief and car tax relief to residents who are either 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, and meet the income and asset eligibility requirements. Returning applicants must file between January 1 and April 1. (Some exceptions may be available if applications are filed late due to a hardship that prevented the application from being filed in time. Requests for hardship waivers must be submitted in writing to the Department of Tax Administration.)

Document Shredding Event in Providence

**Saturday, July 14, 8:00 am to noon,
Kilmer Middle School, 8100 Wolftrap Road,
Vienna 22182**

The annual shredding event in Providence is scheduled for July 14, from 8:00 am to noon. We recommend you arrive early because while the event is scheduled until noon, there are a limited number of trucks available. Once the trucks are filled, the event must end. Residents may bring up to 4 medium size packing boxes per vehicle of residential documents of a sensitive nature to be shredded. Please go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/document-shredding.htm, or call 703-324-5230, TTY 711, for a list of prohibited items, procedures for the event and other 2018 shredding events in the county.

PROVIDENCE FY 2018 COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING

Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth, School Board Member Dalia Palchik and the Providence District Council host their annual community meeting on the FY 2019 Budget on **Wednesday, March 14th at 7 pm** in the multipurpose rooms on the first floor of the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax 22031. Join fellow Providence District residents as budget forecasts for the County and Public Schools are presented and discussed.

The FY 2019 Advertised Budget process is as follows: February 20, County Executive released the County's proposed FY 2019 budget; April 10 to 12, Board of Supervisors holds public hearings on county budget; April 25, Board of Supervisors marks up (makes changes to) the County Executive's FY 2019 budget recommendations; May 1, Board of Supervisors adopts FY 2019 budget and tax rate, including budget transfer to Fairfax County Public Schools. For more details go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/county_budget_calendar.htm.

Residential Fences and Walls

Do you know Fairfax County's rules for fences and walls? Regulations differ based on the type of lot and fence or wall, but generally:

1. All fences and walls must comply with Article 10-104 of the Zoning Ordinance, which regulates their location and height.
2. In a front yard, a fence or wall can't exceed four (4) feet in height, except:
3. With Board of Zoning Appeals approval, up to six (6) feet in height may be permitted.
4. On corner lots abutting a major thoroughfare, up to eight (8) feet in height may be permitted.
5. On lots of two (2) or more acres in the R-A through R-1 Districts, up to seven (7) feet in height may be permitted.
6. In a side or rear yard, a fence or wall can't exceed seven (7) feet in height, except eight (8) feet may be permitted on: reverse frontage lots; or, lots with a yard within 150 feet of a major thoroughfare and abutting open space.

Building permits are not required for fences of any height, unless the fence is required for pedestrian safety or when used as the barrier for a swimming pool. Then a permit is required. Building permits are required for concrete or masonry walls six (6) feet or greater in height. Retaining walls with more than three (3) feet of unbalanced fill also require a building permit. For more information on permits, call 703-222-0801.

2017 Tax Information Resources

State and Local Forms: The county website provides information and links to download federal and state tax forms as well as locations where you may obtain printed forms locally. Federal and state tax forms and publications can also be downloaded at any Fairfax County library using the library's public computers and printed for 15 cents per page or saved to a flash drive free of charge. Although the IRS has stopped mailing tax packages, many individual tax forms and publications, with limited availability, are still available by US mail. To request federal or state tax forms be mailed to you, go to the county's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/internet/taxforms.htm and click on the appropriate link or call 1-800-829-3676 for federal (IRS) forms or (804) 367-8031 for Virginia state forms.

Filing Taxes Electronically: The IRS website outlines the electronic filing and payment options for individuals, business and self-employed taxpayers. The Virginia Department of Taxation explains Free File/e-File and other electronic filing and payment options available at the above website by clicking on the appropriate link. The deadline for filing your federal taxes this year is Tuesday, April 17. You may also go to the above website for additional questions you may have about filing.

Tax Preparation Assistance for Qualified Applicants: If you or your family earned less than \$54,000 in 2017, you may qualify for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program. With the help of dedicated and trained volunteers, low-income families throughout Northern Virginia received over \$9.5 million in refunds last tax season. To find a list of locations and hours as well as a list of the items you must bring, please go to <http://nvacash.org> or call 703-531-6290. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is available free to taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, with special attention to those 60 and older. Tax-Aide will have 2 sites in the Providence District to provide free tax preparation and electronic filing services, the Providence Community Center on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and the James Lee Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. For additional information including a list of additional locations and hours, as well as a list of items you must bring, please go to www.aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/ or call 1-888-687-2277.

On December 22, 2017 major federal tax changes were signed into law. For additional information and resources, please visit www.irs.gov.

Panhandling in Fairfax County

In 2017, the Fairfax County Police Department received **approximately 2,100 calls related to panhandlers** in our county, an increase over calls received in 2016. The calls range from traffic issues to concerns about the panhandler to fears about a suspicious person at an intersection.

Panhandling can be found in most areas of our county, generating many questions and complaints from our residents. While we may get a good feeling by providing money to a panhandler, the **reality is that panhandlers who are truly in need require more resources than small amounts of money.** The good news is that our county has many services and staff dedicated to help those in need. But we need your help. **We encourage you to not give money to panhandlers.** Why? Because giving money to panhandlers encourages more panhandling. Donations of cash will not help solve the underlying reasons why someone panhandles. Here are some important things to know about Fairfax County's approach to this issue:

What Are the Laws? Asking for money is a protected act under the First Amendment. Asking for money in public areas, including roadway medians, is not a violation of law.

What About Public Safety? Our police officers will intervene when panhandlers commit traffic offenses or engage in criminal activity. If you witness a panhandler breaking the law, contact the Fairfax County Police Department. The emergency number is 9-1-1 and the **non-emergency number is 703-691-2131.** Police officers refer panhandlers they encounter to available county human services, but cannot force them to receive services.

Who Are Panhandlers? Not all panhandlers are homeless, but may be in need of food and other critical services. However, many of the stories panhandlers use to solicit money are not true. Some panhandlers come from outside our county or even outside Virginia. Some panhandlers operate as part of organized, professional panhandling rings.

What Can You Do? Refer panhandlers – or anyone you see who may be in need – to our county's social services programs. We have a wide-range of services and housing resources. Provide them with this human services hotline phone number: **703-222-0880.**

Consider making a **donation or volunteering** for one of our **nonprofit community partners** dedicated to assisting our residents in need. In the Providence District these include: **Homestretch** (<http://homestretchva.org/>), **Northern Virginia Family Service** (<https://www.nvfs.org/>), and **Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services** (<https://prsinc.org/>).

Volunteer Advocates Needed for Residents in Long-Term Care

The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is looking for people who are **empathetic, diplomatic, assertive and skilled communicators** to be **Volunteer Ombudsmen**.

As an ombudsman you will be assigned to visit a local nursing or assisted living facility, working to ensure that the residents' rights are being protected and helping residents with problems that they are unable to resolve alone. You will advocate for changes to improve residents' quality of life and care.

Volunteer Ombudsmen dedicate four (4) hours per week for one year. Visits must occur between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm on weekdays. On-going training and support is provided.

The next initial 3-day training will be **March 19, 21 and 29, 2018**, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Volunteers go through training in areas such as residents' rights, long term care regulations and communication skills.

Ombudsman services are free and confidential.

For more information, please call (703) 324-5861 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman.

Adopt-A-Highway for Earth Day

Volunteers from the Sierra Club will gather on Jones Branch Drive in Tysons Corner on Earth Day, April 22 to pick up trash, plastic, cardboard, and other pieces of litter as part of "Adopt-A-Highway," sponsored by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

All interested persons are invited to participate from 1 to 3 pm.

This project and its 18,000 volunteers statewide pick up approximately 25,600 bags of trash a year, saving \$1.35 million which Virginia would have spent on clean-up. Three of the biggest AAH benefits are exercising, socializing, and, most importantly, "helping the Earth" on its big day.

Whether you have 30 minutes or two hours, your gift of time is a valuable, welcome resource, and it's great family exercise. If you wish to help out April 22, email patricialeighleslie@yahoo.com with "Earth Day" in the subject line.



2018 NATIVE SEEDLING SALE DEER TOLERANT PLANTS

This year's seedling sale features shrubs and trees that are tolerant of deer browse. While no plant is completely deer-proof, these seedlings are less susceptible. They help clean our water and air, prevent soil erosion, provide valuable habitat, and add beauty and resilience to your landscape. Enjoy!

The **Shrub and Small Tree Package** features 10 seedlings for \$16.95. The **Tree Package** includes 6 seedlings sold for \$11.95. A full, nonrefundable payment must accompany your order by **Wednesday, April 11**, or until supplies run out. You will receive a confirmation receipt with a map to the pickup site at the Packard Center in Annandale. Orders may be picked up on **Friday, April 20, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**, or **Saturday, April 21, 9:00 am to noon**.

Help us streamline our operations by paying online with a credit card, debit card or e-check. Orders for 2018 seedling packages open **February 1**. Please follow this link to our online seedling sale store: <http://nvswcd-velocitypayment-com.3dcartstores.com/>.

Farmers Markets in Providence



Each year from May through November the Farmers Markets come alive throughout Fairfax County. With 11 markets in Fairfax, the Providence location is **Oak Marr Rec Center** where local vendors come to sell their products. Each vendor is "producer only" meaning that all of the farmers and producers may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch. For a 2018 Farmers Markets schedule, please check www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets or call 703-642-0128, TTY 703-803-3354.

In addition to the Park Authority run Farmers Markets, there are a few other markets in Providence District: **Mosaic Central Farm Market** located at 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax 22031. www.centalfarmmarkets.com. **Oakton Farmers Market** located at 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton 22124. www.community-foodworks.org/farmers-markets/. **Tysons Farmers Market** located at 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean 22012. www.community-foodworks.org/farmers-markets/.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT NOTTOWAY PARK

BYOB (Bring Your Own Basket) and hop on over to Nottoway Park for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 31**. Children ages 1-9 will hunt for candy and eggs filled with treats, win door prizes and greet the Easter Bunny. There will be separate hunts and door prizes by age group. Visit with the Easter Bunny and explore the park before or after the egg hunt.

Walk-in registration: 9:30-11:45 am in the picnic shelter. Tickets are \$10 per child (cash only). Proceeds donated to Nottoway Park improvements.

Egg Hunt Schedule: 1-2 years, 10:30 am; 3-4 years, 11:00 am; 5-6 years, 11:30 am; 7-9 years, 12:00 pm.

Weather decision will be made by 8:30 am on the day of the event. Call 703-324-8569 for information and weather status.

Directions: Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Rd, Vienna. Beltway Exit 49 (I-66) to exit at Route 234 or Nutley Street north, turn left on Courthouse Rd and the park entrance will be on the left.

Sponsors: Nottoway Volunteer Team, Fairfax County Park Foundation and Fairfax County Park Authority.



NOTTOWAY NIGHTS CONCERT SERIES

THURSDAY EVENINGS at 7:30 pm
9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna

Mark your summer calendar for the return of the FREE Nottoway Nights Concert Series at Nottoway Park!

Nottoway Nights Concert Series – Summer 2018

JUNE

- 21 Karikatura (Transglobal Soul)
- 28 Phil Wiggins & Rick Franklin (Piedmont Blues)

JULY

- 5 Lyuti Chushki (Bulgarian Music)
- 12 The Hot Lanes Big Band (Big Band/Jazz)
- 19 Wayne Henderson and Helen White (Traditional Appalachian)
- 26 Maybe April (Country/Americana)

AUGUST

- 2 John McCutcheon (Folk)
- 9 Cathy Ponton King (Blues/Soul)
- 16 Seldom Scene (Bluegrass)
- 23 The Amish Outlaws (Amish cover band)

Concerts are cancelled if it is raining. If there is a threat of bad weather, call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to the start of the concert or before leaving home for cancellation updates. Concerts are held outdoors. Please bring your own blankets and lawn chairs.

Concert information is subject to change. For updates, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances after May 1, 2018.

Celebrate Earth and Arbor Days at SpringFest!

Come one and come all to celebrate Earth and Arbor days at Fairfax County's annual SpringFest. The event will be held on Earth Day weekend, Saturday, April 21 from 10 am to 4 pm at the new SpringFest permanent site at the Sully Historic Site at 3650 Historic Sully Way in Herndon 20171.

More than 75 workshops, activities, vendors, and food trucks will be on hand with the Fairfax County Park Authority to help residents run through an environmental obstacle course, participate in environmental crafts, check out bees and trees, consult with Master Gardeners, buy plants, and more. Would you like to pet an alpaca?

This event is the county's official celebration of these important days, and admission is free.

SpringFest Fairfax is organized by Clean Fairfax Council, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Fairfax County, which works to keep the region Clean, Green, and Sustainable. Learn more about Clean Fairfax at www.cleanfairfax.org or call 703-324-5471.

TAKE BACK THE FOREST

Like working outdoors with friends and family? Need community service hours or a scout project? Learn something new while removing invasive plants and planting native species at **Nottoway Park**. Join the volunteer habitat restoration team and help take back the forest!

Workdays: *Saturdays* (9 am to noon)—March 3, March 17, April 7, April 21, May 5.

More Information & Volunteer Sign Up: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/invasive-management-area> or call 703-324-8681.

Ride Stress-Free To Work In D.C. On Fairfax Connector Express Buses

Fairfax Connector has begun express service on the I-66 corridor from the Fairfax County Government Center to major employment centers in downtown D.C. Stops downtown include the U.S. Department of State, the World Bank, and George Washington University.

The cost for a one-way trip is \$4.25 (\$2.10 for handicapped or senior citizens). There are ten morning and ten afternoon rush hour rides which run every 20 minutes in the morning (beginning at 5:40 am through 8:25 am), and every 22 minutes in the afternoon (from 3:25 pm through 6:43 pm). The rides last about 45 minutes.

To reach the Government Center, passengers may board Connector buses on routes 605, 621/622/623, and Metrobus 1C, or park for free at the park and ride lot at the center.

For more information and real-time bus times, sign up at Fairfax Connector BusTracker at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/bustracker/alerts, call 703-339-7200, TTY 703-339-1608, or visit fairfaxconnector.com or a Connector Transit Store.

Seven Corners Bridge to get Facelift

It's 60 years old this year and it's time for "rehabilitation" in the words of the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Construction on the one-way bridge linking the service road of eastbound Route 50 (Arlington Boulevard) to eastbound Wilson Boulevard will begin next year. Completion of the \$3.6 million project is also set for 2019, and a public meeting is planned for this spring. For more information, go to: www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/wilson_over_50.asp

Please Provide Association Contact Information

Many homeowner associations now have one email address for their associations that remains the same when their officers change. If you have this type of email, please send it to our office so that we can send your association information on matters of importance to Providence residents. If you prefer these notices go to the association's named officers, please provide us with updated officers' names and contact information, to include email addresses. In either case, please send the information to provdist@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Hunter Mill Road Roundabout

by Bruce Bennett,

Chair, Hunter Mill Road Traffic Calming Committee

Well, it is an exciting time; we have our first roundabout coming to the Hunter Mill Road community, and it is in the Providence District. Our roundabout is scheduled to be completed this spring.

How did all of this come about? In the summer of 2001, a group of residents representing the whole length of Hunter Mill Road got together with the specific task of developing a long-term Vision for Hunter Mill Road. By September of that year, the Vision was completed:

The Community's vision is to maintain Hunter Mill Road as a tranquil, residential byway with unique natural, historic, and picturesque character, thus preserving one of the last remaining scenic, rolling terrains in Fairfax County.

(Complete document at: <http://hmdl.site/index.php/vision-of-the-hunter-mill-community/>)

In early 2004, a new Hunter Mill Road community team embarked on a state-funded Hunter Mill Road Traffic Calming study. That study was completed and published in December 2006 and can be found in Chapter Six here: <http://www.novaregion.org/615/Hunter-Mill-Road-Traffic-Calming-Study>.

Then, on May 21, 2007, in an action initiated by Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors directed Staff to develop a recommendation to incorporate a reference to the Hunter Mill Road Traffic Calming Study into the Comprehensive Plan.

On June 30, 2008, Supervisor Smyth moved to approve Plan Amendment **S07-CW-T1**, which was the final action of incorporating the references to the Hunter Mill Road Traffic Calming Study into the Comprehensive Plan. The vote was unanimous, in favor, by those Supervisors in attendance. One of the key recommended traffic calming facilities featured in the Traffic Calming Study is our roundabout, which will be located at Mystic Meadows on the south end of Hunter Mill Road.

Beyond the well-known safety roundabouts can impose on a roadway, roundabouts have been used successfully as gateway treatments between urban and rural areas signaling a change in the driving environment. Further, roundabouts can provide attractive community entries and centerpieces.

Finally, negotiating a roundabout has simple rules:

1. The traffic flow is counterclockwise.
2. Traffic entering the roundabout yields to traffic already circulating.



Bike to Work and School

National Bike to Work Day is May 18
Bike-To-School Day is May 9, 2018

Fairfax County has a new bike web page with loads of information about biking in the county, updated county biking maps, and information from the Virginia Department of Transportation about 2018 paving plans which involve bike lanes.

Also included on the web page are tips for driving and riding safely, and a listing of new Capital Bikeshare stations. Go to: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/bike-walk. For more information on Bike to Work Day and pit stops, go to www.biketoworkmetrodc.org.

Bikeshare Stations are coming to Merrifield/Dunn Loring

In January the Board of Supervisors approved construction for fifteen bikeshare stations in Merrifield to link with existing stations in Fairfax County and other jurisdictions. Several of the stations will be at or near the Merrifield/Dunn Loring Metro station and will provide quicker access to the Mosaic District for residents and workers who live and work there. Bicycles and docks for 120 bikes are included in the project.

The Virginia Department of Transportation awarded the Providence District project a \$400,000 grant for the bikeshare additions with more grant monies possible. Area businesses have shown interest in helping pay for the stations, and Fairfax County will kick in \$100,000.

The stations will provide citizens with transportation options and help reduce reliance on automobiles, ease traffic, cut gas emissions, improve air quality, and create better opportunities to exercise and save money.

Park for less at West Falls Church

To test whether a lower daily parking rate at the West Falls Church Metro garage will increase the number of drivers who park at the station, Metro has cut the weekday parking price by 40 percent from \$4.95 to \$3. This pilot program will last through July, and Metro may make the new fee permanent.



Following public hearings on the design of the project, held in November 2017, early construction activities including

utility investigations and geo-technical survey work have kicked off along the project corridor. Additionally, the project's design-builder, FAM Construction, has been conducting pre-construction property condition surveys for properties within approximately 100 feet of the project corridor. These pre-construction condition surveys are intended to document existing conditions of homes and properties located near the project corridor prior to the start of construction and are completely voluntary on the part of the homeowner. The pre-construction condition surveys will continue through summer 2018. The final design noise analysis, which will determine the height and final locations of noise walls, also is underway and will be completed in spring 2018.

Construction activities will ramp up early this spring with work occurring in the priority areas shown at the November Design Public hearings. In Fairfax County's Providence District, initial work will begin along eastbound and westbound I-66 approximately between Jermantown Road and Chain Bridge Road, inside the Chain Bridge Road/Route 123 interchange and inside the I-495 interchange. Initial construction activities in these areas will include preparing safe work zones along I-66 by setting up concrete barriers, and striping and shifting lanes where needed; tree removal where necessary; setting up erosion control, and relocating utilities. Similar activities are anticipated to begin along eastbound and westbound I-66 between West Ox Road and Waples Mill Road in May 2018 and between Chain Bridge Road and Nutley Street in June 2018.

The Transform 66 Project team will continue a proactive public outreach program throughout the life of the project. Updated construction information will be shared via the project website at Transform66.org, electronic updates sent by email, and through traditional and social media channels. If community groups or property owners have specific questions or concerns, or would like to schedule a project update meeting, please contact the Transform 66 Project team at Transform66@vdot.virginia.gov.

Report Potholes

Potholes, which follow winter storms and spring rains, are often plentiful in the Providence District and throughout the entire Northern Virginia region at this time of year.

Potholes are easy to report at the VDOT website, <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/> or you can call 1-800-367-7623 (FOR-ROAD). The Virginia Department of Transportation is usually quick to repair them, especially those in travel lanes. Also, damages to vehicles may be reported and claimed by calling the number above.

LAND USE UPDATES

Short-Term Rentals: development of new regulations

Fairfax County is considering the development of new zoning regulations for Short-Term Rentals such as Airbnb. In 2017 the Virginia General Assembly gave localities the authority to regulate and require registration of Short-Term Rentals. As a result, the Board of Supervisors directed the creation of a working group to draft zoning regulations for Short-Term Rentals in the County and to establish a registry of Short-Term Rentals. The working group seeks to balance residents' interests to protect the character of their neighborhood with the interests of persons wanting to operate Short-Term Rentals within their residences. To monitor changes to participate in future public hearings that will consider new regulation, please see: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/short-term-rentals.htm.

Graham Park Plaza Plan Amendment 2015-I-J1 (formerly Loehmanns Plaza)

In late 2016 the Board of Supervisors approved a Comprehensive Plan amendment for Graham Park Plaza, formerly Loehmanns Plaza, in the Mason District. The new plan could permit the development of a mix of residential and nonresidential uses. In 2017 the rezoning **RZ 2016-MA-022** to develop part of the plaza with residential buildings and ground floor uses was placed on indefinite deferral. The rezoning was recently reactivated with a public hearing tentatively scheduled at the Planning Commission this spring. The owner of the plaza is revising the design to respond to community concerns and to ensure safe automotive and pedestrian access and circulation. The Board public hearing has not been scheduled. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/pa/grahamparkplaza/grahamparkplaza.htm.

Dominion Power Updates

Dominion has started construction to rebuild the existing substation located near the corner of Shreve Road and Holly Manor Drive. The existing Idylwood facility, originally built in the late 1950's, needs to be upgraded to address capacity and reliability concerns in the region. Residents can also sign up to receive project updates via email. www.dom.com/about-us/news-center/electric-projects-and-initiatives/power-line-projects/idylwood-at-shreve-road-project.

Dominion Power is also proposing to connect the Idylwood substation with their Tysons substation with a new 230 kV transmission line. The Idylwood – Tysons 230 kV transmission line will help to address power reliability problems north and east of Tysons. Dominion Power is currently working through state and county regulatory processes to obtain approval for the proposed project. Supervisor Smyth, local businesses and residents have strongly supported an underground option vs an above ground connection. To obtain updates about the proposed project: <https://dominionenergy.com/about-us/electric-projects/power-line-projects/idylwood-tysons>.

Providence District Land Use Updates

Providence District has multiple pending and recently approved zoning applications. Several other property owners expressed interest in submitting new zoning applications at the time of publication.

In Tysons, the approved **Capital One** zoning application (**FDPA/PCA 2010-PR-021-02**) will result in the development of an urban style Wegmans and **The Capital One Center**. The center will include a Main Hall with 1,500-seats, a 225 seat Black Box multipurpose space and two classrooms and meeting spaces. The center will be capable of hosting everything from Capital One's corporate events to publicly-accessible performing arts events, such as symphonies, local arts exhibits and professional touring artists. It is anticipated that it will become a premier performance venue for Fairfax County performing arts groups. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/capital-one-approved-to-build-wegmans-event-center-parks-in-tysons/.

To accommodate additional growth and consolidation of their operations **MITRE (RZ/FDPA 2010-PR-023)** proposes to master plan their 22 acres to permit a 30 year phased development to meet their office needs. The developer of **The Boro**, TMG Solutions Plaza (**PCA 2010-PR-022**) is quickly moving forward with construction of the mixed use redevelopment of the former SAIC campus property on Route 7. The Boro's phase 1 will include a large urban park and a 20-story office building, which will be the first to open in Oct. 2018. A Movie Theater (ShowPlace ICON) will open in the summer of 2019. Whole Foods and other retail is also planned to open mid to late summer 2019. There are three residential buildings as part of phase 1. Two are rental apartments (537 units) and one is a for sale condo building (The Verse – 140 units). All three residential buildings will be open by Oct. 2019. **CityLine** proposed **PCA/FDPA 2011-PR-011-02** will be going to the Board of Supervisors for public hearing early this year. The development, located on the south side of 123, envisions the development of three high rise residential buildings, ground floor retail and interim retail uses. The interim retail buildings would be replaced in the future with the construction of two office buildings fronting 123. **The approved International Place development (RZ 2015-PR-006)**, located on the former Killmon Ford dealership site, will result in the development of 350 to 385 unit residential building with over 100,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail uses and an urban public park. The **Old Meadow Holdings** application (**RZ 2015-PR-014**) is anticipated to be reactivated. It proposes to develop a 10 story office building at the corner of Old Meadow Road and Route 123 with integrated parking and 12,000 square feet of ground floor retail.

Two new substantial PTC zoning applications have been filed for Tysons: **The View (RZ 2017-PR-102/103)** is a nearly 7 acre area located at Spring Hill Road and Rt. 7, and as submitted proposes to develop five buildings with 2.8 million square feet including options to develop

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approximately 19% of the site with office, 61% residential, 14% hotel, and 5% retail and public uses including a pedestrian plaza and a performing arts venue. The initial 1.3 million sq. ft. building is proposed to be 615' tall and would include a combined total of 650 residential and hotel rooms. We anticipate the submission of revisions for this application. **The Mile** rezoning located off of Jones Branch Drive proposes to replace three existing office buildings and surface parking on 38 acres with nine buildings with 2,155 to 2,970 residential units, 650,000 sq. ft. of office, 60,000 sq. ft. of retail, and open space.

The Pearson family **RZ 2016-PR- 089** application to redevelop their property on Haney Lane with 9 homes is anticipated to go to public hearings early this year. In the Oakton area the **Flint Hill Upper School** located off of Jermantown Road has proposed a **Special Exception Amendment SEA 99-P-046-02** to eliminate the option to build a field house and in its place build a middle school to accommodate about 100 additional 7th and 8th graders who are currently housed at the lower school campus. This application was placed on indefinite deferral pending the resolution of several outstanding issues. **Sunrise Fairfax Assisted Living and Merritt Academy**, located on Route 50, have submitted **RZ 2017-PR-031/ SEA 86-P-101-06**. This application proposes to replace the existing building with a new three story, assisted living facility, serving 119 residents, and a fully buried structured parking garage. The Merritt Academy proposes to make additions to several existing buildings and reconfigure surface parking lots to improve circulation and drop off for the school. Enrollment would remain at 325 students. The application is currently scheduled for public hearing before the Planning Commission on April 18 of this year.

In Merrifield, **Caboose Brewery** is developing a 6,000 sq. ft. brewery at the intersection of Eskridge Road and Lee Highway. The site is located across from MOM's Organic Market and Glass Alley in the Mosaic District. Renovation of the existing warehouse building was initiated in 2017. In the **Mosaic District two residential apartment buildings** with ground floor retail space are currently under construction. Further down Eskridge Road the Four Seasons Tennis Club (**RZ/FDPA 2016-PR-020**) will be redeveloped with a mix of townhomes, multifamily units and a childcare facility. At the former ExxonMobil campus located on Gallows Road, Inova has established the **Inova Center for Personalized Health** and has initiated retrofitting portions of the campus to accommodate the center.

MetroWest

Pulte has reiterated its plan to start construction of four of the five senior living (55 and over age restricted) residential buildings. The Planning Commission approved **FDPA 2003-PR-022 SSL Development Company, LLC** to permit the development of an assisted living facility in the fifth age restricted residential building. Both projects are anticipated to start construction this year. Unfortunately the developers of Metro West (Pulte and CRC) do not have any imminent plans to construct the mixed use core of the project. Supervisor Smyth continues to strongly encourage them to work together and with the community to move the project forward. CRC has recently partnered with Newmark Knight Frank (NKF), a New York commercial real estate firm, to find a tenant to lease a new 250,000 sq. ft. Class A office building that would help to anchor the build out of Metro West.

North County Site-Specific Plan Process & Providence SSPA Task Force

To improve public participation in land use planning efforts, last year the Board of Supervisors adopted a new Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process. The new nomination-based review cycle, known as the Site-Specific Plan Amendment Process (SSPA) is designed as a four-year review cycle. The first two years will encompass the North County Supervisor districts of Dranesville, Hunter Mill, Providence, and Sully, and started in September of 2017; the following two years will include the South County Supervisor districts.

The North County Site-Specific Plan Amendment process resulted in the submission of nine nominations to amend the comprehensive plan. Of the nine nominations six nominations are located in the Providence District including one in Tysons and five in Merrifield.

Supervisor Smyth will convene a task force of civic and home owner association representatives in late March/early April to review the pending nominations. The Providence District SSPA Task Force will review the nominations and will provide the Planning Commission recommendations. Task Force meetings will be open for the general public to attend.

Establishment of SSPA Task Force

Supervisor Smyth requests that all Providence District HOA's and Civic Associations review the Providence District pending SSPA nominations and determine if they would like to send a representative and an alternate to serve on the Providence District SSPA Task Force. Since nearly all the applications are located in Merrifield those living in or adjacent to Merrifield may be particularly interested in serving on the task force. Supervisor Smyth envisions that a subsequent special planning study of Merrifield will need to be initiated. The study will help to evaluate the progress of the implementation of the existing Merrifield Comprehensive Plan and the SSPA nominations. The task force will help to define the scope of the public facilities analysis of the anticipated special study. Please forward prospective representative's names and contact information to Michael.Wing@fairfaxcounty.gov.

For more information, please see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/planamendments/sspa.htm. If you have any questions, please contact my aide, Michael Wing, at 703-560-6946. To review the status of other pending zoning applications in Providence, utilize the following links: www.ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/. Residents can also review pending applications using an interactive map: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/staffreports/activecasesmap/. Resources and Information about Planning & Zoning in Fairfax County: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/resources/.



SPRING BOOK SALE

10304 Lynnhaven Place,
Oakton 22124

703-242-4020, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/

Thursday, April 12, from 1 pm to 8 pm

Friday, April 13 from 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, April 14 from 10 am to 3 pm

March 30 is the cutoff for accepting book donations. Donations are welcome again after April 17. For more information or to join Friends of Oakton Library, send an email to FriendsOfOaktonLibrary@gmail.com.

Friends of Oakton Library Member Pre-Sale April 11th from 2 pm to 5:30 pm. Membership: \$10 Individual or \$25 Family.



On October 28th, in recognition of National Make a Difference Day, the ribbon cutting and Grand Opening of the Little Free Library™ at the Providence Community Center (PCC) took place. From left: Friends of Oakton Library President Barbara Hippe; Bessie Hannan, PCC volunteer; Supervisor Linda Smyth; and Rob Webster, PCC Manager

Recycle Better!

A new Fairfax County illustrated sheet, now available, **“Always/Never Recycling Fact Sheet”** is designed to reduce confusion about items to be recycled. Acceptable are rigid containers (like plastic milk and water bottles), cans, cardboard, and paper. What is unacceptable are half-filled soda cans, diapers, foam, food, clothes, cables and lights, plastic bags, phones, and food wrappers.

To see the fact sheet, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/recycling-and-trash-publications. It's available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

Book Sales to benefit Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library

The Friends of the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library have resumed holding regular quarterly book sales in their beautiful newly renovated library branch - 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043.

The next quarterly book sales will be in March and June

March Sales

Friday, March 2nd, from 11 am to 5 pm

Saturday, March 3rd, from 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday, March 4th, from 1 pm to 4 pm

June Sales

Friday, June 1st, from 11 am to 5 pm

Saturday, June 2nd, from 10 am to 4 pm

Sunday, June 3rd, from 1 pm to 4 pm

Sales feature a wide selection of books and media for all ages and interests. \$10/bag sale / half-price sale on the Sundays.

Donations for the sales are welcome. Volunteers are also welcome and needed.

TysonsLibraryFriends@gmail.com 703-790-4031 or 703-338-3307



Construction Hotline Will Now Answer Calls on Evenings and Weekends

To increase the county's responsiveness to reports of potential construction violations, the **Site Construction Hotline 703-324-7470** is now available on evenings and weekends. The hotline was originally established in 2016 to respond to residents with concerns about development projects in their neighborhoods, and to provide a direct line to appropriate personnel who can address issues such as:

- malfunctioning erosion and sedimentation controls
- drainage problems
- tracked mud on the roadway
- construction activity within a tree-save area
- construction beyond or without a county-approved plan or permit
- or any activities that may harm the environment, cause safety risks, or damage another property.

When calling the hotline, callers should provide an address and a description of the problem. If a hazardous material incident or other emergency is suspected, call 911 immediately. Never trespass on private property to get pictures or investigate a development project. The hotline is the best avenue for residents seeking answers and resolution to these issues.



Spring Update from Providence School Board Member Dalia Palchik

Spring is finally here, and that means warmer weather and a busy time for FCPS students and staff. Our School Board will be making final decisions to complete our FY 2018-19 budget and updating our strategic plan, while our students prepare for year-end assessments, field days, performances, competitions, post-high school plans, and end of year celebrations. Before we know it, the next school year will be starting!

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The 2018-19 school year will begin for students on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, and end on Thursday, June 13, 2019. There is a three-day Thanksgiving break (November 21-23, 2018), a winter break from December 24, 2018 – January 4, 2019, and spring break the week of April 15-19, 2019. The year includes a total of seven teacher workdays (four for planning and three for staff development). While teaching and learning were the priorities, a multitude of factors were considered and balanced during the development of the calendar. This year we asked staff to form a calendar committee to gather community input and to assist in the development of the calendar. The committee was composed of representatives from a variety of internal and external constituent groups, including VOICE, FCCPTA, FCPS teacher and staff associations, testing services, curriculum and instruction, professional development and student activities.

FCPS currently qualifies through the 2019-20 school year for a waiver from the Virginia Department of Education to begin the school year prior to Labor Day. The School Board must vote, each year, on whether to use the waiver. Under board direction, staff will propose a draft of the 2019-20 calendar this spring.

FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 BUDGET

At the School Board’s first meeting of 2018, FCPS Superintendent Scott S. Brabrand presented his proposed FY 2019 budget of \$2.9 billion. The main focus is employee compensation with 86 percent of the budget allocated for instruction and to improve teacher compensation. Dr. Brabrand’s presentation was the starting point of the budget process which will end in May 2018 with the School Board’s adoption of the Approved Budget.

Supervisor Smyth and I are scheduled to host a budget presentation on March 14th in the Providence Community Center. We encourage you to attend to ask questions and offer suggestions.

Additional budget dates:

- April 10 School Board presents FCPS budget to Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- April 10-12 County BOS holds public hearings on budget
- April 24 BOS determines tax rate
- April – May Additional work sessions for both the School Board and Board of Supervisors
- May 24 School Board adopts FY 2019 Approved Budget
- July 1 FY 2019 begins

Bond Referendum and FCPS Capital Improvement Plan

Thank you Providence voters for helping to approve the 2017 Bond Referendum! More than 73 percent of Fairfax County voters supported the \$315 million bond referendum. These funds will enable FCPS to proceed with renovations, enhancements, and planning for school improvements. In the Providence District, funds will be allocated for:

- Planning New Construction of an Elementary School for the Fairfax/Oakton area
- Planning additional Capacity Enhancement for James Madison High School
- Planning Renovation for Frost Middle School
- Planning Renovation for Falls Church High School
- Renovation Construction for Oakton High School

Citizen Advisory Committees

Each year, School Board members appoint representatives to citizen advisory committees to increase community input on specific issues. Citizen advisory committees include citizens from each magisterial district and one appointed Board member liaison. Advisory committee appointments reflect the religious, cultural, and ethnic diversity of the magisterial districts. Representatives serve a one-year term beginning in July and ending the following June and meet monthly throughout the academic year culminating in an annual report to the School Board. Opportunities open up in July, and committee meetings are always posted and open to the public. For additional information, please visit: www.fcps.edu/school-board/school-board-committees.

Thank you to our “Providence Partners” for your dedication and support of our schools. Please feel free to contact me or to access my online newsletter: www.fcps.edu/school-board/dalia-palchik. Happy Spring!

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 Adult Protective Services: 703-324-7450/ Child Protective Services: 703-324-7400
 Suicide Crisis Hotline: 703-527-4077 Rape Crisis Hotline: 703-360-7273

Adult Education	703-658-1201	Alcohol/drug abuse services	703-359-7040
Animal Control	703-691-2131	Child Care	703-324-8100
Consumer Affairs	703-222-8435	Circuit Courts	703-691-7320
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	804-497-7100	I-66 Disposal Sites	703-631-1179
Emergency	911	Fastran	703-222-9764
Fire/rescue (non-emergency)	703-691-2131	Zoning Violations	703-324-1300
Human Services	703-222-0880	Library, Oakton	703-242-4020
Park Authority	703-324-8700	Police (non-emergency)	703-691-2131
Tax Information	703-222-8234	Recreation Classes	703-324-5514
Recycling InfoLine	703-324-5052	School-Age Child Care Program (SACC)	703-449-8989
School Board	571-423-1075	Senior Citizen Information	703-324-7948
Traffic Tickets	703-246-3764	Trash Pick-up	703-802-3322
VDOT	800-367-7623	Voting Information	703-222-0776

Please call 703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329), TTY 711 for other county related information.



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